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THE AMERICAN DOLLAR.

A pamphlet of eighty pages with the above title has just been received from Heil's. It is published by West & Johnson, Richmond, and written by Judge Robert W. Hughes of Virginia. Its full title is "The American Dollar and the Anglo-German Combination to make Gold Dealer," which suggests to the reader at once the line of argument pursued by the author.

Judge Hughes holds that silver has not fallen, but that gold, which has become the money solely of brokers, bankers and dealers in public and corporate securities, has been "artificially if not artificially, exalted in value."

He further argues, wherein consists the real point of controversy, that this advance is due, not to natural causes, but to a virtual conspiracy on the part of Great Britain and Germany to force up the price of gold and thereby depreciate a metal of which these powers are jealous as constituting an important American interest. Hence the change in the relative value of gold and silver from what it intrinsically is—about 1 to 16—to the ratio of 1 to 19.

Judge Hughes is in favor of making silver the basis of our finances instead of gold and of paying the principal and interest of the public debt in silver. He is of course opposed to any restriction upon the output of the mints and vigorously advocates the free coinage of the silver dollar as the legal standard dollar of the country. This is monometalism on a silver basis twenty per cent. lower than the present gold basis. The change would involve a financial revolution, the strain of which upon our industrial and commercial interests it is much easier to foresee than it is to estimate the compensating advantages.

Judge Hughes, however, treats his subject boldly and advances many ideas that are worth considering in formulating our future monetary policy. It is only to be regretted that so many financial theorists, otherwise intelligent and perspicuous in the logical support of abstract propositions, fail to show wherein the public welfare would be enhanced, the embarrassments of commerce relieved or the confidence of capital restored by radical departures from existing systems.

WHERE THE MONEY WENT.

It was stated in the New York Star one day last week that "many of those into whose hands the money of Grant and Ward went were known, and that all would be known." In the Star of the following morning it was announced that "all are known and that every cent of these accrued profits can be traced," and a peremptory demand was made for their restitution. Says the Star:

"The Next Great Statement. The statement of public expenditures during the last ten years will be different from what it has been for twenty years. The law requires that there shall be sent to Congress at the opening of each session a detailed statement of all the public expenses which he will file his practice to Electrocution exclusively in Philadelphia, Pa.—All sufferers will be compelled to desist from their studies. His celebrated Electro Bath will be administered in the future in several places, and the results will be conducted by skilled Electricians." —See Indo'

HON. JOHN G. THOMPSON was at last advised in Whatcom, Washington Territory, attending to his duties as a special agent of the General Land Office. The Whatcom *Review*, in a pleasant personal allusion to Mr. Thompson, says: "Should he remain in Washington Territory permanently, he might, by exercising the same powers of organization which carried Ohio to victory under his management, revolutionize the politics of this Territory. At present, however, he is attending strictly to his business." The *Review* might have added that there seems to have been a wondrous lack of Thompson in the management of Ohio politics this year.

ES-ATTORNEY-GENERAL SPEED OF Louisville when asked what he thought about the Grant-Johnson-Dewey matter declined to make any statement, at the same time intimating pretty plainly that no man stood to be taken in the recollection of a dinner-table conversation which lasted four hours and not a long time between drinks. This is about the view that the generality of people seem to take, but what should possess Mr. Dewey to put his dawning memories into print just at this time is not easy to understand.

Is overhauling a lot of old and forgotten papers among the archives of the United States Court at Cincinnati the other day, the clerk came across the documents in the case of Baur and Blechnerhassett, who were indicted for conspiracy at Chillicothe in 1853. These papers, which relate to one of the strangest and most melancholy episodes in the history of the country, had remained undiscovered for more than seventy years.

The New Democrats are going to hold a meeting in Brooklyn on Thursday which they expect to eclipse the gigantic Republican rally in the city of New York last Friday. Governors Hill and Abbott, Senator Voorhees and other prominent speakers will be present.

THE DUKE OF ARGYLL will lecture in Glasgow on the 12th of November. His son, who also son-in-law to the Queen, will not lecture this season. He had all the speech-making that he will want for some time at Brentford last Saturday.

Mr. BECHEREN's eulogy on General Grant is altogether too long for convenient newspaper handling, and he will probably adopt it into his lecture repertoire. He is already booked to repeat it in Philadelphia.

MR. CONKLIN is reported to have called Senator Evarts a "venerable and attenuated idole." This is another way of calling a man a conceited chieftain.

SHADES OF WILLIAM PENN! The shade old city of Philadelphia, with her twenty-nine roller skating rinks, outshines every other city in the country.

EX-GOVERNOR CHITTENDEN of Missouri has formed a law partnership with Judge McDougal of Kansas City.

ONLY COUSINS, DON'T YOU SEE?"

Charming cousin, tell me where she is, I'm a fool without her. Let me, as I taste thy lip, swear how sweet is friendship, how sweet is love, but still, sister out and out. Who that ever had a sister, who by looking knew her. That his sister's eyes were blue! Betis after sister's eyes of clover!

Charming cousin, still are you? We can act as pleases us. No one thinks it dangerous, how far or wide to go, how far or wide to go, and when we will alone, when we will alone. You may dance with me but me, only cousin, don't you see?" All the lots of etiquette.

Charming cousin, in your eyes I can read a faint smitten. Most bewitchingly they glister, like diamonds, like stars. What can Harry mean to say?

You may come to know some day, —Temple Bar.

PEOPLE IN GENERAL.

The widow of General John B. Clark, widow of the Honorable Representative, is still living at an advanced age in Fayette.

CONGRESSMAN CORLISS of Boston is suffering from an attack of rheumatism, which is so severe that he can scarcely move his right arm.

AN OLD SOLDIER who visited the Gettysburg Cemetery at Philadelphia last week found it so terrible that he will not just sit down in a chair, and getting into the fight again.

JOHN J. MORSE is one of the great advocates of racing in England, and is doing everything in his power to have his every condition in life turn to his own benefit.

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES, THE SUBDIVISION.

An advanced meeting of this subdivision of the Associated Charities of Boston, October 26, 1885, at 7 P.M., to discuss, to take such steps as may be required to withdraw the Association from the Boston and Cambridge Club.

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